

# CAPITALS OF ENTENTE REALLY PUZZLED OVER LAST MOVE OF WILSON

Note Causes More Stir In Great Britain Than Any Message From American President Since Cleveland Sent His Famous Ultimatum; Officials and Press Are Seeking For Hidden Motive Behind the Formal Words

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NEW YORK, December 23—Except in Germany, where the suggestion that peace may be nearer than generally supposed, as advanced by President Wilson, has been received with the greatest manifestation of welcome, the surprise note of the President to the various warring Powers has been given either a hostile or a very critical reception.

Not since President Cleveland's famous ultimatum to Great Britain over Venezuela has any message from an American executive caused the stir which Mr. Wilson's note to the belligerent powers has made in all classes of English people, and London papers and officials did not hesitate to admit that they are still looking for "something behind it."

The French press is a unit in declaring that there is no occasion for the Entente Powers to make any clearer announcement of their aims than has been made repeatedly, and that Germany already knows the conditions upon which the Allies will consent to a cessation of hostilities. These conditions are the withdrawal of German troops from all occupied territory, the payment by Germany of reparation for the injuries her armies have inflicted upon the districts overrun and the giving on the part of Germany of satisfactory pledges that a recurrence of the present war cannot be.

## NOTE DRAMATIC STROKE

L'intransigent, organ of the radicals, takes the ground that the note is a clear indication of the fact that the United States will soon be actively in the war on the side of the Entente.

"President Wilson's note comes as a dramatic stroke of diplomacy," it says. "Germany has plainly threatened that there will be a renewal of the submarine frightfulness if the Allies refuse now to make peace, and such a renewal, with a possibility of a second Lusitania crime, probably will draw the United States into the conflict. There will be no peace, however, until Germany restores all the territory she has taken, makes adequate and full reparation for her many crimes against humanity and provides guarantees that there will be no renewal of the conflict in the future."

## CALLS MOVE ILL-ADVISED

Le Temps believes that President Wilson has acted unadvisedly. "The President, in his desire for peace, has neglected to weigh all the evidence," says that influential Paris journal. "He must know that the only peace the Allies desire is a peace that will be of an enduring quality."

President Wilson's note, addressed to all the belligerents, was handed to the German foreign office on Thursday evening and given out immediately to the press. It appeared in full in practically every morning paper throughout Germany yesterday morning, in every instance being greeted editorially with a tremendous welcome, the editors agreeing that it foreshadowed an early peace.

The Berlin despatches described the German officials as pleased at the wording of the note.

Ambassador Gerard, who reached Berlin last night from the United States, was at once besieged by the German press representatives, all clamoring for additional information. Mr. Gerard later discussed the situation with Herr Zimmermann.

Waiting in England

In Great Britain the attitude of the official circles is one of "watchful waiting." They feel, if interviews printed in the British press can be taken as a criterion of their feelings, that "there is something behind the move," and they are waiting to see just what that something may be.

Officials were all emphatic in their statements that the notes would not in any way change the plan of procedure regarding the German communications which the government had already decided upon.

The Entente, it was asserted intends to reply to President Wilson within a fortnight.

The newspapers join in the search for a "possible concealed motive" and many are the explanations thereof, which have been given publicly and privately, according to despatches received from London last night. The newspaper correspondents in the British capital wired last night that not a few of the London papers are inclined to believe that the "hidden motive" behind the note stands revealed in Secretary Lansing's statement that "America is on the verge of being drawn into the war."

Prominent daily journals frankly conjecture that "a resumption of the submarine policy which Germany has avowed she intends, would undoubtedly involve the United States."

The Daily Mail in commenting upon the note and the possibility that there is some motive concealed from the public view says:—

"In spite of the refutation the very fact that Secretary Lansing used the words that he selected to convey his interpretation of the note, shows that the relation between the United States and some one of the belligerents is strained to the breaking point."

British press opinions for the most part are either calmly critical or caustic, while the spokesmen for the government, without direct reference to the President's note, make it plain in that Great Britain is not in the humor to waste time over advancing peace terms. A number of the lesser publications denounce the President for what they term his impertinence, but the more influential journals advise calmness.

"We must view the American note without heat and without anger," says the Westminster Gazette, giving the tone to much of the discussion.

The London Star calls the American note "a Christmas bombshell," but states that "we must treat it with sympathetic respect and give it most

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# DIVERS GARNER IN TWO NEW VICTIMS

Big Lamport Liner Overdue At New York and May Be a Third

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, December 23—The submarines garnered two more ships in their grim harvest yesterday. Lloyd's announced the sinking of the British steamer Itonus in the war zone, and the destruction of the Norse steamer Eureka. The fate of the Norse steamer is in some doubt, however, and it is possible that a mistake has been made in the report.

Despatches from New York report that the Lamport, of the Lamport and Holt line is overdue at that port, and that fears for her safety are felt in shipping circles there. She was due there December 11, having sailed from Liverpool November 28. She is a comparatively slow boat of eleven thousand tons burden.

The Itonus was of 5340 tons, and was owned by the British India Steam Navigation Company, with home port Glasgow, Scotland. She was in the Indian passenger trade.

# TWO SUBMARINES SUNK BY ALLIES

One Sent To Bottom In Mediterranean Sea and Other In Biscay Bay

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, December 23—Two German submarines have been sunk by destroyers from the Allied fleets according to despatches from Amsterdam last night. The first to be reported was the sinking of the U-45, which was sent to the bottom of the Mediterranean Sea, where she had been operating. No information regarding the fate of her has been given out, but it is presumed that "she" was drowned.

The second diver to be sunk reported within the last twenty-four hours was the sister ship of the first. She was the U-46, and was sunk in the Bay of Biscay by Entente ships, according to official admission made in Berlin yesterday.

# KOREAN BANDITS BLOW UP CHINESE RAILWAY

(Special Cablegram to The Hawaii Hochi)

TOKIO, December 23—Korean bandits injured a section of the Eastern China railway with dynamite yesterday, according to a despatch from Peking. Several Koreans were arrested by Russian authorities and others escaped. The damage is not very large.

# STANDARD OIL COMPANY ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, December 22—A. C. Bedford, prominent in the Standard Oil organization, has been named as president to succeed the late John D. Archbold.

# PRESIDENT WILSON NAMES HIS NEW SHIPPING BOARD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 22—President Wilson today nominated the members of the new shipping board. They are William Denman, the lawyer of San Francisco, an authority on maritime matters; Bernard Baker, a Baltimore capitalist and president of the Atlantic Transport Company; John D. White, multimillionaire lumber man of Kansas City, and Theodore Brent of New Orleans.

# SALE OF WEST INDIES IS APPROVED BY MONARCH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

COPENHAGEN, December 22—The king of Denmark expresses himself as satisfied with the Danish-American treaty for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States for \$25,000,000.

# BORDER SERVICE DEFICIENCY BILL CALLS FOR \$28,400,000

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 22—A deficiency appropriation bill of \$28,400,000 for the Army on account of Mexican border service was submitted to the house today.

# FLOOD CONTROL MEASURE NOW BEFORE CONGRESS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 22—The bill introduced by Congressman Humphreys of Louisiana, appropriating \$50,000,000 for flood control in the Mississippi and Sacramento River valleys, was yesterday favorably reported by the senate committee on commerce.

# PRESIDENT'S NOTE PROVES PUZZLE TO ENTENTE CAPITALS

Washington Believes Better Understanding Will Moderate Present Hostile Attitude

# GERMANY READY TO MAKE PUBLIC HER PEACE TERMS

Congressman Questions Good Faith of State Department Official Interpretation of Move

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 23—That the full intent of the note sent to the belligerent Powers by the President, suggesting an interchange of views concerning possible terms of peace, is not as yet understood in the capitals of the Entente is the opinion in official circles here. When the matter is better understood, they believe, the present hostile tone of the criticism will be more moderate.

There is a growing feeling here that the government hopes to make this country the clearing house for views on possible peace and for an exchange of views also by belligerents, all looking toward a final settlement in which America shall take a prominent and useful part. Diplomats here are watching closely for indications as to whether other neutrals will follow the lead of the United States.

A despatch from The Hague via London states that Germany's leaders are announcing that should the reply of the Entente Powers to Germany's peace proposals be such as to leave the door open for peace negotiations, Germany will immediately make public the chief terms which the Central Powers are prepared to demand and accept.

In regard to the Wilson note, early advices from the British capital stated that the belief there was that the note will be met with an identical reply from the Entente Powers. Each member of the Entente, however, will be free to express his individual views.

Somewhat of a sensation was created yesterday concerning the good faith of the state department when a resolution was presented in the house of Representatives by William B. Wood of Indiana, Republican, calling for an investigation of "conflicting interpretations of the President's note by the state department to determine if any high official or officials, or their relatives, have profited from the resultant stock market fluctuations." The resolution was referred to the judiciary committee.

# CONSUL ADMITS EMPLOYING SPIES

Bopp Says He Sent Agents Into Canada To Report Troop Movements

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SAN FRANCISCO, December 23—Consul General Bopp, charged with conspiracy to violate the neutrality of the United States in the celebrated "bomb plot" case, admitted to the jury and court yesterday that he had sent secret agents to Canada to spy upon the movements of the Canadian troops, and the alleged assembling of submarines for the British navy. He contended that he had not violated the neutrality of the United States, as his act was "not a military enterprise." He also admitted having paid large sums of money to Crowley and Smith.

He testified on direct examination that the German consulate telephone line was tapped, the mail and telegrams switched and a mechanical detector installed in the consulate by enemies of Germany.

Under questioning by District Attorney Preston, Bopp admitted that he had a "war fund" of more than \$100,000. Bopp accused British Consul Roas of surrounding the German consulate with detectives.

"I'll bet it cost him a lot of money," he said.

# PEACE DEMONSTRATIONS TO BE HELD NEW YEAR'S EVE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, December 22—Demonstration for peace, with the reading of a manifesto from Americans to the world in the cause of peace, will be held on New Year's Eve in New York, Chicago, Denver and San Francisco, according to announcement today by the American Neutral Conference.

# JAMES O'KELLY DEAD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, December 22—James O'Kelly, prominent Nationalist member of the house of commons, died today.

# Buffalo Bill III

DENVER, December 22—William F. (Buffalo Bill) Cody is seriously ill at the home of his daughter here, with a nervous disease complicated by a bad cold. The physicians say that he has a fighting chance to recover.

# HILOITES PLANNING COMMUNITY HALL

Gymnasium, Theater and Meeting Room, With Tennis Court and Outside Track

HILO, December 20—Action has already been taken by the Hilo Basketball League, of which Dr. Y. E. Colville is president, and J. R. Zimmerman is secretary, not only to secure a tract of government land fronting on Kamehameha Avenue, opposite the Volcano Stables, but to start preliminaries for the erection of a fine building, which will be for the use of the public of Hilo for basketball, dances, private theatricals, conventions and lunas. It is also proposed to fit it up as a first class gymnasium.

Last Monday the mail carried an application to Land Commissioner B. G. Rivenburgh from the officers of the league for a lease for twenty-one years on this strip of land. The lot has a frontage on Kamehameha Avenue of 1000 feet, running back 400 feet.

The building itself, which is being planned by Architect Arakawa, will be eighty feet wide and 110 feet deep, with a stage fifty by thirty feet. Under the stage will be dressing rooms for men and women, as well as shower baths and all the facilities for comfort found in a high standard gymnasium or theater.

On one side of the building there will be a roadway leading to the rear where there will be ample room for the parking of automobiles and where there will also be a fine tennis court, all probably surrounded by a cinder track for running.

The principle which will be followed by the members of the Basketball League will be that the building should belong to the people of Hilo and that the league will be the holding association. For this purpose it will probably be incorporated as the Hilo Basketball League and Gymnasium Association.

To carry out this purpose of making of the building a public asset it is proposed to have the board of trade, the merchants' committee and any other civic association represented on the board of trustees of the new association, which will hold the lease.

# HILO HAD A REAL RAIN—EIGHT INCHES WAS A DAY'S RECORD

HILO, December 20—Since last February the heaviest rainfall which Hilo has experienced was that for the twenty-four hours ending at seven o'clock yesterday morning, when the precipitation at Waianae amounted to 8.31 inches, while at Waianae, the other side of the city, it measured 7.85 inches. The result was flooded streets and much inconvenience in the lowlands, where the streets were torrents and on the new storm sewers prevented a real flood.

When the Glenwood train on the Hawaiian Consolidated Railway, which leaves Hilo at half-past two, reached Fifteen Miles it was found that such a torrent would be dangerous to continue and the train backed all the way to the Waianae station with its passengers. Any damage to the roadbed caused by the floods will be repaired at once.

When Executive Officer Samuel Kauhane, who was to have taken the steamer Monday afternoon to attend a meeting of the budget committee in Honolulu, got as far as Four Miles it was found that the bridge was out and the road flooded to such a depth that it was impossible to get through. The result was that Mr. Kauhane missed his boat and had to return to Kau.

Back of the Matano Hotel, the residence district was flooded had many of the Japanese families there made ready to move out of their homes. But the storm sewers saved this district from being entirely flooded and little damage was done.

The Waialuku River was a wonderful sight, for the torrent overflowed the island above the lower bridge with a roar that could be heard for blocks and the river bed was a foaming series of rapids.

# AMERICAN-HAWAIIAN TO RESUME SERVICE

Resumption of American-Hawaiian bottoms as sugar carriers from Hawaii to San Francisco in February is the prediction made yesterday by C. P. Morse, general agent of the steamship company which arrived in the Great Northern.

"We will have the Texan, Mexican and Floridan here in February," he said, "and they will remain in the service at least until the end of September."

The announcement of Morse means that the company will not resume the Hawaii-Panama-New York service until next fall at the earliest.

The Mexican and the Texan are both 12,000 ton steamers and the Floridan a 9000 ton boat.

# VILLA ATTACKS TORREON

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

EL PASO, December 22—It is rumored here that the Villistas are attacking Torreon and that there is heavy battling with the Carranzistas.

# PORTO RICAN PLEADS GUILTY OF ASSAULT

Found In Maui After He Had Escaped From Hamakua

Charged with the attempted rape of an eight years old girl, Narcissus Sales, a Porto Rican, was taken to Hilo from Maui Thursday by Sheriff Sam Pua on the Mauna Kea, according to information received here yesterday. He was at once arraigned before Judge Quinn in the fourth circuit court and pleaded guilty. Judge Quinn sentenced him to prison for four years and six months.

September 3 last, Hamakua was aroused by the story of the attempted ravishment of little Rosalina Garcia. A posse was organized by Deputy Sheriff Rickard, but Sales escaped to the cane fields and disappeared, leaving no trace.

Last week Sheriff Crowell, of Maui, made a raid on a Porto Rican camp and among those arrested was Sales, who gave a false name. One of his comrades, however, told the sheriff his true name and Sheriff Pua was notified. He was released over to hold the man and took the next steamer to Maui. At first Sales denied his identity, but on the way over confessed and pleaded guilty upon his arrival.

Kaimulu, an aged Hawaiian, said to be nearly seventy years of age, is under arrest at Kailua on a charge of rape upon a little Hawaiian girl of six years. His case will be considered by the next grand jury.

# Facing Deportation Japanese Cuts Throat and Dies

Facing certain deportation as an undesirable alien, Hidenaka Miyake, merchant, artist and connoisseur in Japanese bronzes and bronzes, cut his throat yesterday with a razor and allowed himself to bleed to death.

Miyake had struggled desperately against the fate that the federal immigration officials held over his head, and although the hearing on the writ of habeas corpus which his attorneys had obtained from the court for him was set for January, he was convinced that he would be forced to leave Honolulu in disgrace, and to avoid this committed suicide.

The act was committed in the home of his brother, Neiro, in Kailua-kai after Miyake had written two letters, one willing all his property to his son, H. Miyake and the other written while he was detained in the immigration station, facing deportation.

The merchant who was fifty years old has been a resident of Hawaii for twenty-four years and was the proprietor of the Miyake store on Fort Street opposite the Central fire station, and also of the Myrtle rooming house.

Miyake and his son returned several weeks ago from Japan and were detained at the immigration station as a result of evidence collected during the trial of Mrs. Miyake on a charge of conducting a disorderly house. Following an order for his deportation he made an appeal for a writ of habeas corpus to be heard in January. Brooding over his troubles drove Miyake to his death.

Early yesterday morning Miyake left his store and went to his brother's home. He asked that his sister-in-law Eto Neiro, telephone his wife and son where he was. He then complained of weariness and was put to bed in a side room. When the sister-in-law returned to the room she found Miyake bleeding to death from a deep gash in his throat. In an attempt to take the razor from the dying man Mrs. Neiro was slightly cut in the hand.

# KUANUI INDICTED FOR ALLEGED BURGLARIES

Four true bills were found by the territorial grand jury yesterday, these being against two men. Those indicted are:

John Laupa, charged with indecent exposure. Men Hong, a Chinese girl under twelve years of age, being mentioned, the offense being alleged to have been committed on December 6.

John Kuanui, three separate charges of second-degree burglary. On November 12 Kuanui is said to have broken into the room of James McBride; on December 11 into that of Miss Grace Hillmer, a Young Hotel tourist, and on December 12 into that of Max Greenbaugh. From each of these rooms Kuanui is said to have lifted a number of articles of value, property which was not his own.

Laupa and Kuanui will be arraigned at nine o'clock this morning before Judge Ashford, when they will be asked to plead to the charges against them.

# GENERAL WOODWARD DEAD

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WASHINGTON, December 22—Gen. George A. Woodward, retired, died here last night. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1835, and served through the Civil War with distinction, commanding his regiment at the battle of Gettysburg. After the war he was appointed to the regular forces, and was retired in 1894. He later became editor of the United Service Magazine.

# TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

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# SLAVS DRIVE BULGARS INTO LAKE TAKING MANY CAPTIVE

Fierce Fighting Breaks Out From Dobrudja District North Into Galicia, Where Berlin Claims To Have Pierced Russian Lines

# PETROGRAD DENIES THAT RUSS LOSS IS SEVERE

British and French Report That Activity Along Somme Front Is Revived; Turkish Tribes Defeated East of the Suez Canal

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, December 23—Dobrudja continues to be the center of the world conflict for the time being. There the reports from the capitals of the belligerent Powers united in declaring that the fighting is progressing without ceasing and, for the first time in some weeks, the reports continue to conflict.

Thursday's account of the success of the Russians in capturing a number of important heights from the Germans and Bulgars, and yesterday the Russian general staff announced that hundreds of Bulgars had been driven into Lake Ibolata and many drowned, while 115 had been taken prisoners.

On the other hand Berlin announced earlier in the evening, that the Russians and Rumanians are continuing to fall back, and that the German commander in the district had reported the capture of nine hundred Russian prisoners.

Along the eastern front—and both sides agree upon this—the heavy guns have been increasingly active. But there the agreement ends for Petrograd announced that the German attacks in many of the sectors had been frustrated by the Slavic gun fire, while Berlin asserted that "the first Russian line in Galicia, near the Zlechoff-Tarnopol railroad, had been broken by repeated attacks of the Austro-German forces, after a spirited engagement."

Petrograd in its report on this fighting says that "only the first Russian trenches had been penetrated by the attackers."

Berlin also claims to have "broken the first Russian line northwest of Zalostze," but Petrograd denies this and says that the Russians have lost but a few trenches.

On the Somme river fronts the fighting has gradually resumed some of the intensity which held the attention of the world last summer and fall. No notable movements have been made there as yet however.

Despatches received in London say that the British forces operating in the vicinity of the Suez Canal have captured El Arish, occupied by Turks and tribesmen for many months and toward which several British offensive movements have been directed. It is ninety miles east of the Suez Canal and has been used as a base by the enemy.

# NORTH POLE EXPEDITION ALMOST READY TO START

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, December 23—The American North Pole expedition headed by Captain Bartlett probably will leave the United States next summer for five years in the frozen north. The expedition goes equipped with the most modern aviation equipment and supplies for five years, during which it is intended to thoroughly survey the polar cap.